additional species which are written in independent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a notice of allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant therefore submits claims 1-23 are in a position to proceed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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